

## WHEAT PLANT GROWN ON SANDY SOIL AS AFFECTED BY DIFFERENT TYPES OF NITROGEN FERTILIZERS

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**ABSTRACT:** A field experiment was conducted out on a sandy soil at Ismailia Research Station during winter season 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 using wheat variety (Sakha 93) to study the effect of mineral N at rate 0, 50, 75 and 100 kg N/fed, compost at rate 0, 5 and 10 ton /fed and with or without bio-fertilizer nitrogen fixing bacteria (*Azospirillum liopferum* and *Bacillus polymers*) and their interaction on wheat yield and soil fertility. Wheat grain and straw yield showed significant response to all treatments. The highest straw and grain yields were obtained with addition of 100 kg N/fed + 10 ton compost + bio-fertilizer. No significant different were observed between this treatment and 75 kg N/fed + 10 ton compost /fed + bio-fertilizer. Mineral N addition increased N, K, Fe, Zn and Mn contents of straw and grain, while P concentration was not affected. Compost addition increased N, P, K, Fe, Zn and Mn of straw and grains. Bio-fertilizer was significant effect on N concentration of wheat straw and grain. The effect of interaction between mineral N and compost was significant on all above mentioned parameter. The effect of mineral N fertilizer on soil available N and P were non significant after harvesting while the K slightly decreased. Compost addition increased soil available N, P, Fe, Zn and Mn.

**Key word:** Compost- Bio-fertilizer- mineral N fertilizer – sandy soil fertility- wheat productivity

### INTRODUCTION

There is a great concern for agriculture development and land reclamation in Egypt at present for increasing agricultural production to meet the increasing population. Most of new reclaimed soils are generally poor in plant nutrients and nutrient applied to these soils are subjected to loss by the irrigation water. Fertilization of these soils therefore a necessary practice. Response to organic or inorganic fertilizer is usually obtained. To decrease the loss of applied nutrients especially by N leaching several practices has been suggested such as mixing fine materials, organic matter or bio-fertilizer.

Wheat (*Triticum astivum*, L.) is one of the most important food crops all over the world including Egypt. Nutritional requirements of wheat require high and the application of chemical fertilizer is considered essential to obtain high grain yield. Intensive use of chemical fertilizer led to increase the pollution in soil, water and food. The progressive rise in the cost of these fertilizer and relative its low efficiency especially in sandy soil give an account for finding cut a

partial or full substitution for the used classic applied chemical fertilizer. Organic and bio-fertilizer are potential substitute for such chemical fertilizer to reduce cost and minimizing environmental pollution.

Compost management practice in all agricultural production system because of increasing sustainability, improving soil physical properties and increasing soil organic matter and fertility level, Abu El-Enine (2008). Abbas *et al.* (2006) studied the effect of organic manure either alone or in combination with 15; 30; 60 or 90 N kg fed<sup>-1</sup> ammonium sulphate. They found that dry weight and N uptake by maize were significantly higher where the half of N from organic manure and other half in form of ammonium sulphate have been added. Nasef *et al.* (2009) effects of bio and organic fertilizer application under different N-mineral fertilizer level on the concentration of some nutrients N, P, K, Fe, Mn, Zn and Cu in both straw and grains of rice plants were increase with increasing the level of N mineral fertilizer. Zeidan *et al.* (2009) and Zaki *et al.* (2012) reported that nitrogen fertilizer with or without compost addition

significantly increased spike weight, grain weight grain yield and straw yield of wheat. Raising nitrogen fertilizer level from 60 to 90 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> and up to 120 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> led to gradual increase in studied characters. Awad and Khaled (2012) stated that there is non-significant difference between 60 % or 70 % mineral fertilizer plus bio-fertilizer compost or compost were comparable to 100 % recommended dose mineral fertilizer without amended compost. Zaki *et al* (2012) and Awad and Khaled (2012) reported that addition of compost with mineral fertilizer and bio-fertilizer increased grain and straw yield of wheat.

Recently microbial inoculation of crop grain by certain free living bacteria had a great importance as a new technology. The technique of microbial inoculation aims at minimizing the amount of applied chemical fertilizer, preventing the pollution and cost of production (Abas *et al.* 2006). Several reports have affirmed positive plant growth response after inoculation plants with symbiotic N fixing bacteria such as *Azotobacter* spp. Oken (1982) stated that inoculated plants with bio-fertilizer exhibited about 30 – 50 % greater uptake of nitrogen P and K than non-inoculated plants. Shaban and Omar (2006); Suzan (2007); Ashmayer *et al.* (2008); Awad and Khaled (2012) and Zaki *et al* (2012) reported that N<sub>2</sub>-fixer strain alone or in combination with mineral fertilizer and organic fertilizer and their combination showed an effective on wheat grain yield and its components. So wheat production and soil fertility were determined affected by mineral nitrogen, compost and bio-fertilizer in sandy soil.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

A field experiment was conducted out on sandy soil at Ismailia Res Station during two winter seasons 2011/2012 and 2012/2013, using wheat plant to study the sole and combined effect of mineral, organic and bio-fertilizers on yield and yield components and chemical composition of wheat (*Triticum aestivum*, L.) cultivars Sakha 93. The experimental design was split-split plot with

three replicates. Compost was allocated in the main plots, bio-fertilizer allocated in the sub plots and mineral fertilizers treatments were allocated in the sub – sub plots. The area of each plot was 10.5 m<sup>2</sup>, 3.5 m long and 3.0 m wide. The experiment include 18 treatments which were the combination among three compost levels, two bio-fertilizer treatment and three mineral fertilizers levels treatments. The experimental treatments can be described as follows:

### **A- Compost levels**

- 1- Without addition
- 2- 5 Mg fed<sup>-1</sup>
- 3- 10 Mg fed<sup>-1</sup>

### **B- Bio-fertilizer:**

- 1- without inoculation
- 2- Inoculation with *Azospirillum lipoferum* and *Bacillus polymyxa* in approximate cell counts of 10<sup>5</sup> cells/gm for each.

### **C- Mineral fertilizer:**

- 1- 50 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> as ammonium sulphat.
- 2- 75 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> as ammonium sulphat.
- 3- 100 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> as ammonium sulphat.

Compost was added before sowing and homogenously mixed with top soil (0- 25 cm) while the grain of wheat inoculation with cerealin were done before sowing as the methods recommended by general organization of Agriculture Crop Equalization Fund (GOACEF), which contain mixture of two nitrogen fixing bacteria, i.e., *Azospirillum lipoferum* and *Bacillus polymyxa* in approximate cell count of 10<sup>5</sup> cells/gm for each. Nitrogen added at four equal portions, the first dose was added before sowing and 2<sup>nd</sup> after 15 days, the others were added every 15 days interval. The other normal agricultural practices of wheat were performed.

At wheat maturity, wheat plants were harvest and weighted then separated into grain and straw. The weight of both grain and straw were estimated in the net plot. Sub sample from grain and straw were taken, weighted and oven dried at 70 C<sup>o</sup> for chemical analysis. Soil samples of the

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experimental sites were taken at the depth of (0- 30 cm) before sowing and after harvesting. Soil physical and chemical analysis before sowing is presented in Table (1 a, b and c). Total soluble salts, soluble cations and anions in soil past extract were determined according to Jakson (1978). DTPA extract of Fe, Mn and Zn were determined using Atomic Adsorption

spectrophotometer according to Lindsay and Norvall (1978). The nitrogen content in grain and straw was determined by micro-Kjeldahl as described by A.O.A.C. (1990). Phosphorus determined by methods (Jakson, 1978).

Compost analysis presented in Table (2).

**Table (1). Some physical and chemical characteristics.**

**a- Physical characteristics**

O.M (%)	CaCO <sub>3</sub> (%)	Particle Size distribution (%)				Soil texture	Field capacity	Wilting point	CEC	H.C. m/days.
		Coarse sand	Fin sand	Silt	Clay					
0.35	0.32	77.40	15.60	2.90	3.10	sandy	11.2	3.9	7.5	4.1

**b- Chemical Characteristics**

pH (1:2.5)	EC (dSm <sup>-1</sup> )	Cations (meq L <sup>-1</sup> )				Anions (meq L <sup>-1</sup> )			
		Ca <sup>+2</sup>	Mg <sup>+2</sup>	Na <sup>+</sup>	K <sup>+</sup>	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>
8.20	0.35	1.39	0.50	0.45	0.15	-	1.35	0.80	0.34

**C. Some available macro and micronutrients.**

Macronutrients (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )			Micronutrients (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )			
N	P	K	Fe	Zn	Mn	Cu
22.00	6.10	70.00	3.60	0.600	3.50	0.31

**Table (2). Some chemical characteristics of compost used.**

EC (dSm <sup>-1</sup> )	O.C. (%)	Total N (%)	C/N ratio	Total (%)		Available micronutrient (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )			
				P	K	Fe	Zn	Mn	Cu
4.10	21.00	1.10	19.10	0.90	1.32	10.2	5.10	16.20	2.3

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Wheat grain and straw yields:

The weight of grain and straw yields were significantly increased by increasing rate of N fertilizer addition. Table (3). The relative increases for grain yield was 35.1 and 51.408 % due to application of 75 and 100 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup>, respectively as compared to 50.kg N fed<sup>-1</sup>, while the relative increase for straw yield were 24.6 and 35.98 % in the same order. The beneficial effect of N application on increasing grain and straw yields can be explained on the basis that N essential element improves plant growth through building new cells and also improves photosynthesis which in sequence increases yield of crops (El- Esh, 2007). Tran and Gilles (2000) found that economic N rates for wheat were 90 and 120 kg /ha for (1993 and 1994 years) respectively. The obtained results are in a good line with those by Hamisa and Mostafa (1998); El-Zaher *et al* (2001); El-Kouny (2007) and Awad and Khaled (2012).

Compost addition increased grain and straw yields compared with control, (Table 3). The relative increases for 5 and 10 ton compost addition were 21.45 and 37.66 % for grains; 26.6 % and 35.98 % for straw. The positive effect of compost addition on yield and its components may be due to its favorable effect on soil physical and chemical properties. Salib (2002), Ewees and Abdel Hafeez (2010) reported that, in general, crop yield and its components responded markedly to the applied organic amendments, however, their beneficial effect is cleared through released organic acids and chelating agents; enhancing the nutrient mobility and uptake by plants.

Bio-fertilization addition significantly resulted in increasing grain and straw yield compared to non inoculated treatments (Table 3). The relative increase was 8.40 % for grains and 8.3 % for straw , when bio-fertilizer was added the beneficial effect of bio-fertilizer may be due to the ability of microorganisms to N fixation and produce growth regulator substances i.e. indol acitic

acid , Gibberillic acid and cytokininas. The incremental addition of N fertilizer than 50.kg N fed-1 induced a significant increase in both of plant height, spike length and 1000 grain weight. The same trend was observed with bio-fertilizer and compost application. The highest increase in the abovementioned parameters were induced by application of the highest dose of compost and N fertilizer with bio-fertilizer. Those augmentations were 11.54, 32.76 and 22.66 % for plant height, spike length and 100.grain weight, respectively in comparison with the control 63.2, 8.3 and 35.30 respectively.

This many attributed to the beneficial affect of added fertilizers on enhancing soil fertility nutrient status, chemical and physical properties. Shaban and Abd El-Rahman (2007) indicated that the interaction between N rates addition and bio-fertilizers were increased grain, straw yield, weight of 1000 grains compared with un inoculation .

These phytohormens play an important role on plant growth through promoting photosynthesis and accumulation of dry matter within different plants, El-Kouny, (2007). Our results are in agreement with those obtained by Gagnon *et al.* (1997), Hassouna and Hassanein (1997), wahdan (2004) and Zaki *et al.* (2012).

The combination of compost and mineral N fertilizer at different rates gave significant increases for grain and straw yield. The highest yields were obtained under treatment received 100 Kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> + 10 Mg fed<sup>-1</sup> compost without non significant differences with treatment receiving 75 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup>, 10Mg fed<sup>-1</sup> compost and inoculated bio-fertilizer.

Mineral fertilizer is considered as available sources of N element, it is easily leached especially in sandy soil. On the contrary, the organic fertilizer is considered as sufficient slow release fertilizer. Combining the chemical fertilizers with organic ones supplies plants with sufficient and available nutrients besides, reducing the leaching of the elements. This will increase vegetated growth and yield. These results

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**Table (3). Effect of compost, mineral N fertilizer and bio-fertilizer on yield and components of wheat plants, (mean combined of two seasons).**

Rate of compost Mg fed <sup>-1</sup>	Mineral N kg fed <sup>-1</sup>	Bio.	Plant height (cm)	Spike length (cm)	1000 grain weight (g)	Grain Yield (Mg fed <sup>-1</sup> )	Straw yield (Mg fed <sup>-1</sup> )
0	50	0	83.20	8.30	35.30	1.101	2.090
	75		86.30	9.10	37.20	1.510	2.567
	100		88.50	9.40	38.50	1.790	2.989
	Mean		86.00	8.90	37.00	1.467	2.549
	50	Bio	84.30	8.80	36.10	1.250	2.375
	75		87.90	9.50	38.20	1.690	2.873
	100		89.70	9.80	39.50	1.916	3.199
	Mean		87.30	9.30	37.93	1.619	2.816
5	50	0	87.40	9.70	38.20	1.351	2.565
	75		88.70	10.10	40.50	1.940	3.298
	100		89.80	10.80	42.40	2.140	3.574
	Mean		88.63	10.20	40.36	1.811	3.146
	50	Bio	88.20	10.30	39.10	1.500	2.850
	75		89.70	10.80	41.30	2.080	3.536
	100		89.90	11.10	43.20	2.200	3.674
	Mean		89.26	10.73	41.12	1.927	3.354
10	50	0	89.60	10.80	40.10	1.550	2.945
	75		90.80	10.90	42.30	2.110	3.587
	100		91.20	11.20	45.20	2.375	3.967
	Mean		90.53	10.90	42.46	2.032	3.499
	50	Bio.	89.90	10.30	41.30	1.770	3.363
	75		92.50	11.40	43.10	2.270	3.859
	100		92.80	11.60	43.30	2.480	4.142
	Mean		91.73	11.30	42.53	2.214	3.787
LSD. 5 % N fertilizer			2.30	0.41	1.10	0.280	0.290
Compost			2.10	0.40	2.00	0.290	0.200
Bio-fertilizer			ns	ns	1.30	0.230	0.130
N+ compost			2.50	0.51	1.30	0.295	0.205
N+ biofertilizer			ns	ns	1.40	0.250	0.180
Comp+ Bio-			ns	ns	ns	0.260	0.160
N+ Comp+ Bio			ns	ns	ns	0.300	0.220

are in agreement with Hues and Sablezyk, (1994), Ewees *et al.* (2008) and Sarwar *et al* (2009). Thus, the response of wheat to combination between organic and chemical fertilizer may gave the possibility to substitute the chemical fertilizer partially by organic manure under the condition of this study. El- Afandy (1995) concluded that application of organic together with inorganic N fertilizer increased wheat growth characters, straw and grain yields comparing with solely addition organic manure or mineral N fertilizer. Metwally and Khamis (1998) evaluated the ability of organic materials mixed with inorganic N sources to meet total N demand of wheat crop in sandy soil and concluded that addition of 50 % of entire N requirements of wheat in organic form and the rest in mineral form produce almost the same yield as in the case of 100 % mineral N fertilizer source. Whadan (2004) stated that addition of 75 % mineral from N requirements for maize and wheat and rest as organic form produced almost the same straw and grain yields when 100 % mineral nitrogen fertilizer was added . Comparison of grain and straw yields of wheat by Awad and Khaled (2012) showed that 70 % mineral N fertilizer plus compost were comparable to 100 % mineral fertilizer. The interaction effect between mineral N fertilizer and bio-fertilizer on wheat straw and grain yields was significant. The largest grain yield was obtained by addition of 100 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> + bio-fertilize. This result could be due to the production of growth regulator substances by Azotobacter and subsequently affects yield and its components. The results are in line with those obtained by Hassouna and Hassaine (1997), Metwally (2000), Awad and Khaled (2012) and Zaki *et al.* (2012).

The interaction between compost and bio-fertilizer on wheat straw and grain yields had a significant effect. The addition of 5 and or 10 Mg compost plus bio-fertilizer increased, grain and straw yield significantly compared to solely addition of compost or bio-fertilizer. Similar results were obtained by Awad and Khaled (2012) who reported that Azotobater application enhanced significantly shoot biomasses in FYM

amended soil. Such pronouncing effect of organic matter and bio-fertilizer in increasing growth was recorded by many authors. Ahmed (2001) stated that this increment might be ascribed to the ability of soil microorganisms to convert the unavailable forms of nutrient elements in organic fertilizer to available ones by generation of carbon dioxide from bio-fertilizer. The experimental obtained results might be due to the stimulation effect of organic matters and bio-fertilizer inoculation on improving the physical properties of the soil, increasing soil fertility and availability of many nutrient elements to plant uptake which in turn on improving the growth of wheat plants. Data presented in Table (3) indicated that interaction between organic, bio- and mineral fertilizers showed a significant effect on yield and its components. Plots treated with 10 Mg compost fed<sup>-1</sup> with full dose of mineral N fertilizer 100 % and inoculation by Azotobacter gave the highest amounts for yield and yield components.

#### **Effect of different treatments on nutritional stats of soil after harvesting:**

##### **Available macronutrient and micronutrients.**

The effect of mineral, compost and bio-fertilizer and their interaction on soil available macronutrients are in shown in Table (4). The addition of mineral N did not significantly affect soil available N and P after harvesting compared to the initial one (Table 1.c). However soil available K tended to decrease which may be due to the consumption of K by plant uptake. The amount of available N and P (Table 4) was promoted affected significantly with addition of compost. On the other hand, available K after harvesting was significantly affected by compost application that may be attributed to the low clay content of the soil, consequently, easily leached K with irrigation water, Ouedrago *et al* (2001) and Eida *et al.* (2008) Abou El-Enein *et al* (2008) studied the effect of soil compost amended on soil available N and P after wheat maize harvested were increases with increasing mineral nitrogen fertilizer.

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**Table (4). Effect of compost, mineral N fertilizer and bio-fertilizer on some soil available macro and micronutrients after harvesting (mean combined of two seasons).**

Rate of compost Mg fed <sup>-1</sup>	Mineral N kg fed <sup>-1</sup>	Bio.	Macronutrients (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )			Micronutrients (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )		
			N	P	K	Fe	Zn	Mn
0	50	0	24.00	6.00	73.00	3.80	0.65	3.80
	75		26.00	5.80	70.00	3.90	0.63	3.70
	100		27.00	5.90	69.00	3.90	0.61	3.70
	Mean		25.30	5.90	70.60	3.80	0.63	3.73
	50	Bio	25.00	6.30	69.00	3.70	0.68	3.90
	75		28.00	6.40	68.00	3.60	0.64	3.80
	100		29.00	6.40	68.00	3.60	0.61	3.70
	Mean		26.30	6.37	68.30	3.63	0.60	3.8
5	50	0	32.00	7.80	77.00	4.80	0.62	4.90
	75		36.00	7.90	75.00	4.70	0.96	4.90
	100		37.00	8.10	75.00	4.70	0.96	5.10
	Mean		35.00	7.90	75.60	4.71	0.97	4.97
	50	Bio	36.00	7.90	78.00	4.90	0.99	5.10
	75		38.00	8.10	76.00	4.90	0.97	5.10
	100		38.00	8.20	76.00	4.60	0.97	5.30
	Mean		37.30	8.06	77.00	4.73	0.98	5.70
10	50	0	39.00	8.50	79.00	5.30	1.20	5.30
	75		42.00	8.60	78.00	5.50	1.30	5.30
	100		42.00	8.60	77.00	5.40	1.30	5.50
	Mean		41.30	8.53	78.00	5.40	1.28	5.30
	50	Bio.	40.00	8.70	76.00	5.60	1.30	5.60
	75		43.00	8.70	75.00	5.50	1.40	5.80
	100		42.00	8.90	75.00	5.40	1.40	5.80
	Mean		42.00	8.80	75.30	5.50	1.33	5.70
LSD. 5 % N fertilizer			4.40	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Compost			4.10	1.40	5.10	0.51	0.21	0.72
Bio-fertilizer			1.40	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
N+ compost			ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
N+ biofertilizer			ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Comp+ Bio-			1.50	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
N+ Comp+ Bio			ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns

Data in Table (4) declared that soil available micronutrients (Fe, Mn and Zn) content were not affected by addition of mineral N fertilizer. These results confirm with data obtained by Abou El-Eanien *et al.* (2008) and Eida *et al.* (2008), who reported that N, P and K application produce little effect on available micronutrients compared to untreated soil. Compost addition increased available Fe, Zn and Mn with little differences between two rates of application. The highest available micronutrients contents occurred with the 10 Mg  $\text{fed}^{-1}$  compost addition. Baldwin and Shelton (1999) pointed out that, Zn and Cu linearly related to the application rate of municipal solid waste and biosolids compost. Weber *et al.* (2007) indicated that available Zn increased with application rate of different composted material. Another study was conducted by Eida *et al.* (2008) indicated that addition rice straw compost and municipal, solids waste compost had positive effect on soil available Fe, Zn and Mn contents.

### **Nutrient concentration of grain and straw: Macronutrients.**

The effect different mineral N rates on nutrients of concentrations of wheat grains and straw are shown in Table (5). The N concentration in grains and straw increased significantly by increasing N fertilizer addition up to 100 kg  $\text{Fed}^{-1}$ ; bunge 1.37 and 0.55 % respectively where 50 kg N  $\text{fed}^{-1}$  had been added then reached 2.13 and 0.63 % at 100 kg N  $\text{fed}^{-1}$ . The concentration of P in grains and straw was not significantly affected by increasing N rates. Increasing N fertilizer rates addition increased K concentration significantly of grains and straw from 0.34 and 1.27 % at 50 kg N  $\text{fed}^{-1}$  to 0.45 and 1.54 % at 100 kg N  $\text{fed}^{-1}$ . Compost addition increased N, P and K concentration of grain and straw significantly compared with 50.kg N  $\text{fed}^{-1}$ . The N concentration in grains and straw increased from 1.70 and 0.52 % respectively, where 0.71and 2.27 % with the treatment received no compost, while addition of 10 Mg compost  $\text{fed}^{-1}$ . The P concentration

increased from 0.20 and 0.24 for grains and straw respectively in control to 0.33 and 0.39 % at 10 Mg compost  $\text{fed}^{-1}$ . The K concentration in grains and straw increased significantly from 0.26 and 0.96 % for control respectively to 0.43 and 1.73 % at 10 ton compost  $\text{fed}^{-1}$ .

In this concern Abed Elatif *et al.* (2010) and Eisa (2010) recorded that N, P and K concentration of both wheat grains and straw increased significantly with compost and their concentration increased with increasing rate of compost. Rodd *et al.* (2002) and Wahdan (2004) stated that addition N fertilizer and compost increased the concentration of N, K, Mn and Zn.

Data in Table (5) indicated that N percentage of grain and straw increased significantly by bio-fertilizer addition compared with control (without bio-fertilizer). The N concentration increased from 1.75 and 0.58 for grain and straw respectively where no bio-fertilizer added to 2.13 and 0.70 % in the same order where bio-fertilizer was added.

This may be due to the role of nitrogen fixation bacteria on increasing N availability in root zone and also increasing endogenous phytohormons (IAA, GAs) which play an important role on formation a big, active root system; increasing nutrient uptake and translocation and accumulation in a different part of plant (El-Kouny *et al.* 2007) and Zaki *et al.* (2012). These results are in agreement with those obtained by Shaban and Omar (2006). The effect of bio-fertilizer on P and K concentration was not significant.

The interaction between mineral N fertilizer and compost showed significant affect one N and K of wheat grains and straw where their highest value was 2.40 and 1.71 % respectively for grains and 0.79 and 1.71 % for straw in same order where 100 kg N  $\text{fed}^{-1}$  and 10 Mg  $\text{fed}^{-1}$  compost was added. However non significant difference between this treatment and 75 kg N  $\text{fed}^{-1}$  and 10 Mg compost  $\text{fed}^{-1}$  were occurred. These results are on line with those indicated by Singh *et al.* (2002) , Wahdan (2004) Sarwasr *et al.* (2009) , Awad and Khaled (2012) and Zaki *et al.* (2012).



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**Table (5). Effect of compost, mineral N fertilizer and bio-fertilizer on N, P and K concentration of wheat grains and straw, (mean combined of two seasons).**

Rate of compost Mg fed <sup>-1</sup>	Mineral N kg fed <sup>-1</sup>	Bio.	Grain (%)			Straw (%)		
			N	P	K	N	P	K
0	50	0	1.50	0.20	0.24	0.45	0.22	0.88
	75		1.60	0.20	0.26	0.51	0.24	0.95
	100		1.80	0.22	0.26	0.55	0.24	0.99
	Mean		1.65	0.20	0.25	0.50	0.23	0.94
	50	Bio	1.60	0.21	0.26	0.48	0.25	0.88
	75		1.75	0.21	0.28	0.55	0.25	0.96
	100		1.90	0.23	0.28	0.58	0.26	0.96
	Mean		1.75	0.21	0.27	0.54	0.25	0.93
5	50	0	1.63	0.25	0.35	0.50	0.32	1.31
	75		1.85	0.28	0.35	0.56	0.35	1.55
	100		2.10	0.29	0.36	0.58	0.34	1.75
	Mean		1.86	0.27	0.35	0.55	0.37	1.54
	50	Bio	1.73	0.27	0.36	0.61	0.35	1.32
	75		1.96	0.29	0.37	0.65	0.36	1.60
	100		2.20	0.29	0.37	0.66	0.36	1.80
	Mean		1.94	0.28	0.36	0.64	0.35	1.57
10	50	0	1.98	0.29	0.45	0.65	0.37	1.63
	75		2.25	0.32	0.48	0.71	0.39	1.78
	100		2.35	0.37	0.48	0.72	0.39	1.89
	Mean		2.01	0.32	0.47	0.69	0.38	1.73
	50	Bio.	1.99	0.31	0.48	0.66	0.38	1.63
	75		2.35	0.34	0.49	0.72	0.40	1.80
	100		2.45	0.38	0.51	0.74	0.40	1.90
	Mean		2.20	0.34	0.49	0.71	0.39	1.70
LSD. 5 % N fertilizer			0.11	ns	0.12	0.031	ns	0.11
Compost			0.10	0.05	0.04	0.042	0.03	0.19
Bio-fertilizer			0.30	ns	ns	0.020	ns	ns
N+ compost			0.12	0.05	0.02	0.035	ns	0.20
N+ biofertilizer			ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Comp+ Bio-			0.10	ns	ns	0.05	0.031	ns
N+ Comp+ Bio			0.30	ns	0.25	0.055	ns	ns

**Micronutrients content in grains and straw:**

The Fe, Zn and Mn concentration in wheat grains and straw increased significantly by increasing N fertilizer addition; the highest concentration was

occurred by 100 kg N addition  $\text{fed}^{-1}$ . Table (6) show that the relative increase was 30.0, 30.1 and 38 % and 37.2, 33.38 and 15.97 for straw respectively compared to addition of 50 kg N  $\text{fed}^{-1}$

**Table (6). Effect of compost, mineral N fertilizer and bio-fertilizer on Fe, Mn and Zn concentration of grains and straw wheat, (mean combined of two seasons).**

Rate of compost $\text{Mg fed}^{-1}$	Mineral N $\text{kg fed}^{-1}$	Bio.	Grain ( $\text{mg kd}^{-1}$ )			Straw ( $\text{mg kd}^{-1}$ )		
			Fe	Zn	Mn	Fe	Zn	Mn
0	50	0	34.00	16.00	24.00	81.00	21.00	32.00
	75		40.00	19.00	26.00	90.00	25.00	35.00
	100		45.00	21.00	30.00	97.00	27.00	36.00
	Mean		39.50	18.60	26.60	89.00	24.00	34.30
	50	Bio	35.00	17.00	24.00	82.00	20.00	33.00
	75		41.00	18.00	27.00	93.00	26.00	36.00
	100		45.00	22.00	32.00	98.00	29.00	37.00
	Mean		40.60	16.90	29.00	91.00	25.00	35.30
5	50	0	40.00	20.00	28.00	108.00	27.00	36.00
	75		46.00	23.00	35.00	120.00	32.00	39.00
	100		49.00	28.00	37.00	125.00	37.00	43.00
	Mean		45.00	23.60	33.00	117.00	32.00	39.30
	50	Bio	41.00	21.00	29.00	112.00	26.00	35.00
	75		45.00	24.00	35.00	123.00	33.00	38.00
	100		52.00	29.00	38.00	129.00	38.00	44.00
	Mean		46.00	24.60	34.00	121.00	32.00	39.00
10	50	0	43.00	23.00	32.00	115.00	28.00	38.00
	75		49.00	27.00	38.00	128.00	36.00	41.00
	100		60.00	36.00	41.00	131.00	36.00	46.00
	Mean		50.60	28.60	37.00	124.00	34.30	41.60
	50	Bio.	47.00	22.00	33.00	118.00	29.00	39.00
	75		51.00	28.00	39.00	130.00	37.00	43.00
	100		63.00	37.00	43.00	133.00	40.00	48.00
	Mean		53.6	29.00	38.70	127.00	36.00	43.70
LSD. 5 % N fertilizer			5.20	1.50	2.30	4.10	3.20	ns
Compost			4.10	2.30	4.20	6.10	4.30	2.10
Bio-fertilizer			ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
N+ compost			5.40	4.30	3.10	6.10	4.50	ns
N+ biofertilizer			ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Comp+ Bio-			4.30	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
N+ Comp+ Bio			5.10	5.20	ns	7.1	5.2	ns

Increasing compost addition from 5 to 10 Mg fed<sup>-1</sup> increase Fe, Zn and Mn concentrations in grain and straw significantly. The relative increases of micronutrients concentration in grains were 13.75 and 30.25 % for Fe; 27.32 and 61.80 % for Zn and 33.50 and 37.5 % for Mn due to addition of 5 and 10 Mg fed<sup>-1</sup> compost respectively, while the relative increase micronutrients concentration in straw were 32.2 and 38.90 % for Fe; 32.0 and 42.9 % for Zn and 18.38 and 21.73 % for Mn in the same order. The interaction effect between N mineral fertilizer and compost was significant only for Fe and Zn concentration in grains and straw, where their highest values were 62.0 and 39.0 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> for grain and 132 and 39 mg kg respectively for straw due to addition of 100 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> + 10 Mg compost fed<sup>-1</sup>. El-Galla *et al.* (1990) mentioned that dissolved organic matter in compost was well known to enhance plant growth due its maintenance of Fe, Mn, Cu and Zn in soil solution at different levels. Rodd *et al.* (2002) pointed out that concentration and uptake of Fe, Zn, Mn and Cu of shoot, straw and grain of wheat plants increased due to addition of mineral and organic fertilizer. These data confirm with the data obtained by El-Sowfy and Osman (2009), Paraas *et al.* (1990) and Sarwar *et al.* (2009).

### **Conclusion**

It could be concluded that the soil application of compost (10 ton /fed) mineral N fertilizer (100 kg N /fed) and bio-fertilizer significantly product the higher production of straw and grain yield. Also, the interaction between the used levels of chemical fertilizes and compost or bio-fertilizers induced a significant increase in grain, straw yield and their mineral contents. Combined use of organic fertilizer and chemical fertilizer not only save mineral fertilizer, but also contribute to improve plant nutrients contents and increased their availability in soil, thus, causing a positive effect on wheat production. Results reported that higher yield and nutrients concentration of wheat grain and straw could be obtained at rate 100 kg N /fed + 10 ton compost + bio-

fertilizer without significant difference between this treatment and 75 kg N/fed + 10 ton /fed + bio-fertilizer. It is worth to mention that, integrated use of organic manure and mineral N fertilizers has been found to be more sustainable and promising in maintaining stability in crop production on sandy soil while solely organic and mineral N fertilizer can not sustain the high yield.

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## نمو القمح فى ارض رملية متاثره بانواع مختلفة من التسميد النتروجينى

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### الملخص العربى

اجريت تجربة حقلية فى محطة البحوث الزراعية فى منطقة الاسماعلية خلال موسمى ٢٠١١/ ٢٠١٢ و ٢٠١٢/ ٢٠١٣ لدراسة تاثير اضافة النتروجين المعدنى بمعدلات ٥٠ و ٧٥ و ١٠٠ كجم نتروجين للفدان والكمبوست بمعدل ٥ و ١٠ طن للفدان والسماذ الحيوى بدون اضافة وملقح بالبكتريا المثبتة للنتروجين على انتاجية محصول القمح صنف سخا ٩٣ وصفاته وعلى خصوبة التربة.

اوضحت النتج ان جميع الاسمدة المضافة ادت الى زيادة معنوية بالنسبة للكنترول. وزيادة معدلات النتروجين الى ١٠٠ كجم نتروجين للفدان اعطت اعلى زيادة بالنسبة للمعدلات الاخرى وقد وجد ان زيادة الكمبوست الى ١٠ طن للفدان اعطى زيادة معنوية عن اضافة ٥ طن للفدان وايضا التسميد الحيوى قد اعطى زيادة معنوية للمحصول مقارنة بدون تسميد . كانت اعلى زيادة معنوية بالنسبة للمحصول الحبوب والقش عند اضافة ١٠٠ كجم نتروجين للفدان + ١٠ طن كمبوست للفدان مع اضافة السماذ الحيوى بدون فرق معنوى بين تلك المعاملة وبين اضافة ٧٥ كجم نتروجين للفدان + ١٠ طن كمبوست للفدان + اضافة السماذ الحيوى . ادت اضافة النتروجين المعدنى الى زيادة نسبة النتروجين والبوتاسيوم والحديد والزنك والمنجنيز فى الحبوب والقش ولم تؤثر معنويا على نسبة الفوسفور فى الحبوب والقش. ادت اضافة ١٠٠ كجم نتروجين + ١٠ طن كمبوست اعلى زيادة معنوية بالنسبة للنتروجين و البوتاسيوم والحديد والزنك بدون فرق معنوى عند اضافة ٧٥ كجم نتروجين + ١٠ طن كمبوست + سماذ حيوى. لم يودى زيادة اضافة السماذ النتروجين الى زيادة معنوية فى قيم النتروجين والفوسفور والحديد والزنك والمنجنيز الميسر فى الأرض بينما لوحظ انخفاض فى قيم البوتاسيوم الميسر . ادت اضافة الكمبوست الى زيادة معنوية فى قيم جميع العناصر الكبرى والصغرى السابقة.